

UEFA CONGRESS RESOLUTION

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Congress calls for the establishment of a new legal basis for sport in a revised European Union Treaty to:

- legally enshrine the principle of the specificity of sport in the Union's constitutional order, in accordance with the spirit of the Declarations on Sport annexed to the Treaty of Amsterdam and the Nice European Council conclusions;
- recognise the autonomy of sport's governing bodies to establish suitable rules and regulations governing their sports consistent with Community law;
- clarify the application of existing EU Treaty provisions and policies on sport;
- require the Community to take due account of the specificity of sport in its action under the other provisions of the Treaty;
- enshrine the principle of subsidiarity in relation to sport in Europe, recognising the primacy of sport's governing bodies and the need to respect and protect the diversity of national sports structures; and
- establish the right balance of rights and responsibilities for Europe's sports governing bodies, emphasising:
 - the promotion of solidarity
 - the education and training of young players
 - the integrity of open and accessible competitions; and
 - actions to combat racism and drug abuse and promote public health

Congress fully supports the efforts of the UEFA Executive Committee to secure a Sports Protocol or Treaty Article to achieve these aims and calls on all Member Associations to request support from their national governments and national representatives in the European Convention for this new legal basis for sport.